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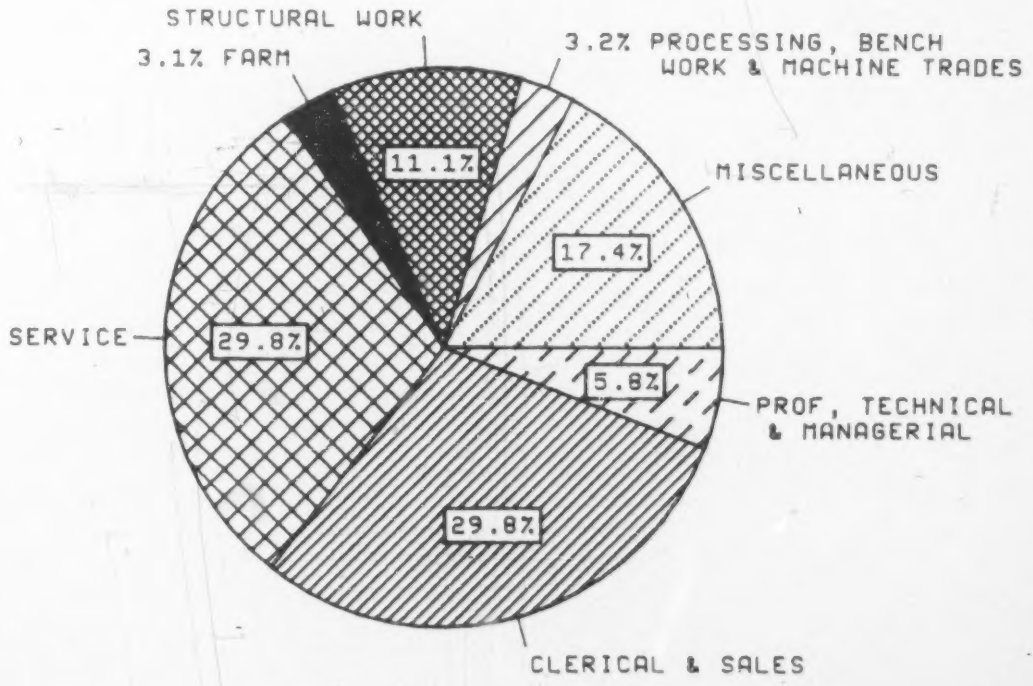

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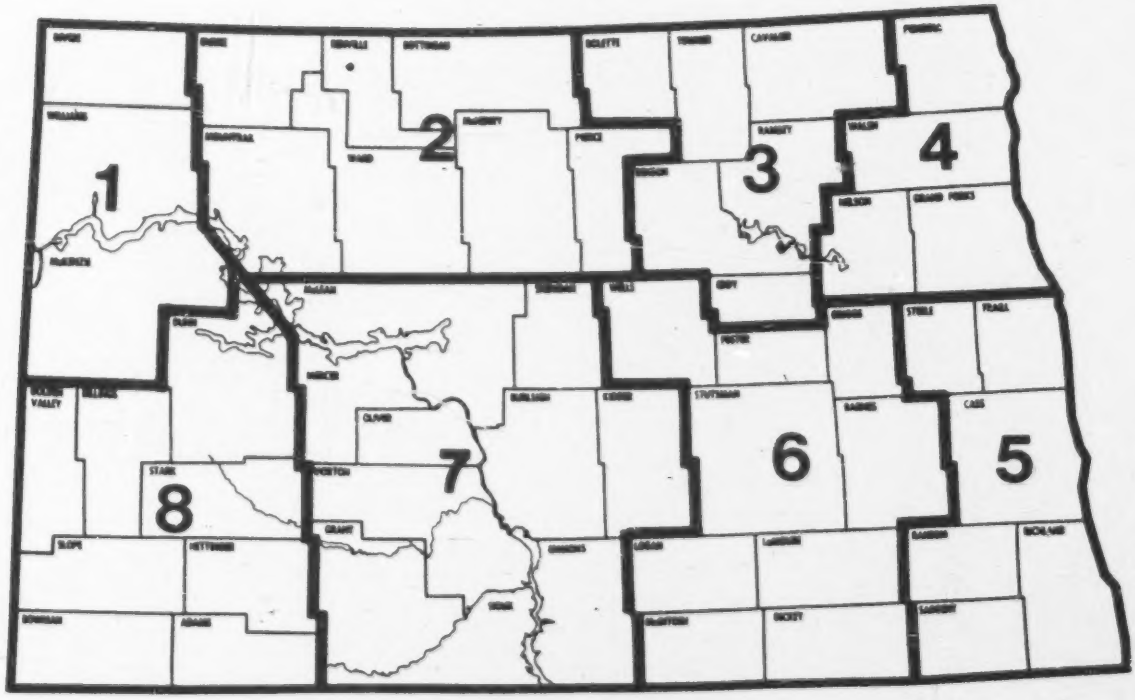


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# FINDING THAT SUMMER JOB

School's out for the year. Now what do you do for the summer? This question is being asked by thousands of students as classes and most school-related activities end. For many of the younger students, it will be a time for fun and enjoying the carefree days of summer. But sooner or later the time comes when the young person is going out to "find a summer job."

This year, there are two programs in which Job Service North Dakota is involved which are designed to assist young people find summer jobs. The first is conducted in cooperation with the Greater North Dakota Association, Northwestern Bell, and the Governor's Employment and Training Forum. The program encourages businesses in the state to hire summer help. Volunteers are currently contacting employers by phone and in person to solicit job openings.

The second program is funded under the Job Training Partnership Act and is for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 through 21. Approximately 1,500 young people will be placed in jobs under the program this summer. Last year 1,696 youth were placed in jobs under the JTPA program.

Even though there are programs in place to help youth find work, the more individuals do to help themselves, the better the chances will be of finding work. The person should determine the type of work they are capable of doing, what they are interested in, and where they would likely be able to find this type of work. We surveyed our Job Service offices throughout the state to gather data at the local level. Based on the responses, the opportunities for summer employment are slightly less this year compared to last year. It is noted, however, that of the 11 offices that expect the number of jobs to be down, 9 expected there would be "slightly fewer" jobs and only 2 expect job opportunities to be "substantially fewer." The poor economic conditions in both the farm and energy sectors is one reason the number of jobs expected this year are less than in 1985. In addition, with higher unemployment levels, more adults are competing for jobs which are typically held by young people.

Responses from the local offices indicate the usual entry level jobs are anticipated. They include openings as waiters, waitresses, cooks, maids, sales clerks, janitors, groundskeepers, and lawn mowing and babysitting in private households. Other possibilities include work as cashiers, nurse aides, and jobs in recreation-related businesses.

Most of these openings will occur in restaurants (including drive-ins) and in hotels, motels, and retail stores. Hospitals and nursing homes are also good possibilities.

If you know of students or young adults seeking work, encourage them to continue their efforts since persistence usually pays off. If you could use help in your home or business - hire a youth - you'll both benefit.

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## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## NORTH DAKOTA

| Industry | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From: One Month Ago Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From: One Year Ago Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL | 244,300 | 243,450 | 245,130 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| MINING | 5,530 | 5,750 | 6,650 | -3.8 | -16.8 |
| Coal | 1,240 | 1,240 | 1,380 | 0.0 | -10.1 |
| Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas | 4,080 | 4,310 | 5,070 | -5.3 | -19.5 |
| Other Mining | 210 | 200 | 200 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 7,570 | 7,420 | 8,660 | 2.0 | -12.6 |
| Building Construction | 2,310 | 2,340 | 2,410 | -1.3 | -4.1 |
| Street, Highway & Heavy | 1,310 | 1,190 | 1,850 | 10.1 | -29.2 |
| Special Trade Construction | 3,950 | 3,890 | 4,400 | 1.5 | -10.2 |
| MANUFACTURING | 15,160 | 15,100 | 14,770 | 0.4 | 2.6 |
| Durable Goods | 5,900 | 5,780 | 6,120 | 2.1 | -3.6 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass | 470 | 500 | 450 | -6.0 | 4.4 |
| Primary & Fabricated Metals | 610 | 600 | 650 | 1.7 | -6.2 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equipment | 3,730 | 3,590 | 4,040 | 3.9 | -7.7 |
| Other Durable Goods | 1,090 | 1,090 | 980 | 0.0 | 11.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,260 | 9,320 | 8,650 | -0.6 | 7.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 4,740 | 4,820 | 4,180 | -1.7 | 13.4 |
| Dairy Products | 850 | 860 | 890 | -1.2 | -4.5 |
| Food Specialties & Confectionery Products | 1,870 | 1,880 | 1,340 | -0.5 | 39.6 |
| Bakery Products | 450 | 450 | 430 | 0.0 | 4.7 |
| Other Food & Kindred Products | 1,570 | 1,630 | 1,520 | -3.7 | 3.3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2,430 | 2,440 | 2,410 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2,090 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES | 15,530 | 15,670 | 16,110 | -0.9 | -3.6 |
| Transportation | 7,250 | 7,390 | 7,540 | -1.9 | -3.8 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 3,850 | 3,960 | 3,970 | -2.8 | -3.0 |
| Other Transportation | 3,400 | 3,430 | 3,570 | -0.9 | -4.8 |
| Communications | 3,380 | 3,360 | 3,400 | 0.6 | -0.6 |
| Public Utilities | 4,900 | 4,920 | 5,170 | -0.4 | -5.2 |

## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

| Industry | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From One Month Ago Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From One Year Ago Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 19,040 | 18,940 | 19,700 | 0.5 | -3.4 |
| Durable Goods | 9,310 | 9,270 | 9,750 | 0.4 | -4.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,730 | 9,670 | 9,950 | 0.6 | -2.2 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 46,510 | 46,050 | 46,150 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| General Merchandise | 5,760 | 5,840 | 5,720 | -1.4 | 0.7 |
| Food Stores | 6,460 | 6,440 | 6,250 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| Auto Dealers & Service Stations | 6,700 | 6,660 | 6,770 | 0.6 | -1.0 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 2,730 | 2,750 | 2,720 | -0.7 | 0.4 |
| Other Retail | 24,860 | 24,360 | 24,690 | 2.1 | 0.7 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE | 12,380 | 12,330 | 12,330 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Finance | 6,830 | 6,810 | 6,780 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Banking | 4,300 | 4,290 | 4,300 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Other Finance | 2,530 | 2,520 | 2,480 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| Insurance | 3,750 | 3,750 | 3,750 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Real Estate | 1,800 | 1,770 | 1,800 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| SERVICES | 58,150 | 57,840 | 56,910 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| Lodging | 4,170 | 4,190 | 4,190 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Nursing & Personal Care | 6,240 | 6,190 | 6,170 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Hospitals | 12,310 | 12,270 | 12,400 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| Other Medical | 6,390 | 6,360 | 6,150 | 0.5 | 3.9 |
| Other Services | 29,040 | 28,830 | 28,000 | 0.7 | 3.7 |
| GOVERNMENT | 64,430 | 64,350 | 63,850 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Federal | 9,490 | 9,520 | 9,140 | -0.3 | 3.8 |
| State Government | 19,720 | 19,600 | 19,700 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Educational Services | 13,020 | 12,960 | 12,880 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Other State Government | 6,700 | 6,640 | 6,820 | 0.9 | -1.8 |
| Local Government | 35,220 | 35,230 | 35,010 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Educational Services | 18,080 | 18,070 | 17,860 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Other Local Government | 17,140 | 17,160 | 17,150 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

## NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From One Month Ago Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From One Year Ago Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA** | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 66,340 | 66,740 | 65,010 | -0.6 | 2.0 |
| Mining & Construction | 2,320 | 2,260 | 2,380 | 2.7 | -2.5 |
| Manufacturing | 4,610 | 4,660 | 4,730 | -1.1 | -2.5 |
| Durable Goods | 1,860 | 1,830 | 1,980 | 1.6 | -6.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 2,750 | 2,830 | 2,750 | -2.8 | 0.0 |
| Trans., Comm. & Utilities | 3,830 | 3,950 | 3,830 | -3.0 | 0.0 |
| Trade | 19,950 | 19,880 | 19,320 | 0.4 | 3.3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6,600 | 6,560 | 6,540 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Retail Trade | 13,350 | 13,320 | 12,780 | 0.2 | 4.5 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 4,310 | 4,290 | 4,190 | 0.5 | 2.9 |
| Services | 17,750 | 17,720 | 16,920 | 0.2 | 4.9 |
| Government | 13,570 | 13,980 | 13,640 | -2.9 | -0.5 |
| Federal | 2,120 | 2,120 | 2,020 | 0.0 | 5.0 |
| State & Local | 11,450 | 11,860 | 11,620 | -3.5 | -1.5 |
| **GRAND FORKS MSA** | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 28,490 | 28,280 | 27,550 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| Mining & Construction | 1,180 | 1,160 | 920 | 1.7 | 28.3 |
| Manufacturing | 1,590 | 1,590 | 1,310 | 0.0 | 21.4 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,440 | 0.0 | -2.8 |
| Trade | 7,890 | 7,900 | 7,930 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,350 | 1,360 | 1,380 | -0.7 | -2.2 |
| Retail Trade | 6,540 | 6,540 | 6,550 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 1,050 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Services | 6,130 | 6,100 | 5,910 | 0.5 | 3.7 |
| Government | 9,250 | 9,080 | 8,990 | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| **BISMARCK MSA** | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 35,110 | 34,990 | 35,050 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Mining | 180 | 190 | 200 | -5.3 | -10.0 |
| Construction | 1,070 | 1,060 | 1,190 | 0.9 | -10.1 |
| Manufacturing | 1,840 | 1,880 | 1,850 | -2.1 | -0.5 |
| Trans., Comm., & Utilities | 2,680 | 2,710 | 2,830 | -1.1 | -5.3 |
| Trade | 9,460 | 9,330 | 9,250 | 1.4 | 2.3 |
| Wholesale | 2,320 | 2,300 | 2,430 | 0.9 | -4.5 |
| Retail | 7,140 | 7,030 | 6,820 | 1.6 | 4.7 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,670 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Services | 10,090 | 10,060 | 9,850 | 0.3 | 2.4 |
| Government | 8,090 | 8,060 | 8,210 | 0.4 | -1.5 |

## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
## ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

| | Annual Average 1985 | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Items | 322.2 | 326.0 | 327.5 | 318.8 | -0.5 | 2.3 |
| Food & Beverage | 302.0 | 307.8 | 307.7 | 301.6 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Housing | 349.9 | 357.0 | 356.5 | 344.7 | 0.1 | 3.6 |
| Apparel & Upkeep | 206.0 | 206.3 | 204.1 | 205.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| Transportation | 319.9 | 309.6 | 319.2 | 316.7 | -3.0 | -2.2 |
| Medical Care | 403.1 | 425.8 | 422.3 | 396.5 | 0.8 | 7.4 |
| Entertainment | 265.0 | 271.9 | 272.0 | 262.2 | 0.0 | 3.7 |

## PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
## UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

| | Annual Average 1985 | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Commodities | 308.8 | 300.3 | 304.7 | 308.7 | -1.4 | -2.7 |
| Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds | 250.5 | 247.0 | 247.9 | 255.0 | -0.4 | -3.1 |
| Industrial Commodities | 323.9 | 314.0 | 319.4 | 322.6 | -1.7 | -2.7 |

## MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 394.23 | 389.14 | 381.78 | 40.6 | 40.2 | 40.4 | 9.71 | 9.68 | 9.45 |
| Durable Goods | 426.42 | 421.48 | 412.41 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 10.30 | 10.28 | 10.01 |
| Nondurable Goods | 351.74 | 345.74 | 338.37 | 39.7 | 39.2 | 39.3 | 8.86 | 8.82 | 8.61 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 308.66 | 307.75 | 304.44 | 38.2 | 37.9 | 37.4 | 8.08 | 8.12 | 8.14 |
| Durable Goods | 331.50 | 335.62 | 340.29 | 39.0 | 39.3 | 39.8 | 8.50 | 8.54 | 8.55 |
| Nondurable Goods | 295.97 | 291.98 | 279.96 | 37.8 | 37.1 | 35.8 | 7.83 | 7.87 | 7.82 |
| Food & Kindred | 310.03 | 301.34 | 289.98 | 38.9 | 38.0 | 35.8 | 7.97 | 7.93 | 8.10 |
| Printing & Publishing | 275.89 | 271.64 | 262.91 | 33.2 | 32.3 | 32.7 | 8.31 | 8.41 | 8.04 |
| FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 318.90 | 320.12 | 305.04 | 38.1 | 38.2 | 37.2 | 8.37 | 8.38 | 8.20 |
| Durable Goods | 308.01 | 322.92 | 305.98 | 37.7 | 39.0 | 38.2 | 8.17 | 8.28 | 8.01 |
| Nondurable Goods | 326.40 | 319.03 | 304.88 | 38.4 | 37.8 | 36.6 | 8.50 | 8.44 | 8.33 |

## LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

| County | Labor Force | | | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 |
| Divide | 1,519 | 1,343 | 1,500 | 1,411 | 1,260 | 1,436 | 108 | 83 | 64 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 4.3 |
| McKenzie | 3,745 | 3,463 | 3,759 | 3,412 | 3,184 | 3,529 | 333 | 279 | 230 | 8.9 | 8.1 | 6.1 |
| Williams | 13,910 | 13,286 | 13,960 | 12,188 | 11,921 | 12,926 | 1,722 | 1,365 | 1,034 | 12.4 | 10.3 | 7.4 |
| REGION 1 TOTAL | 19,174 | 18,092 | 19,219 | 17,011 | 16,365 | 17,891 | 2,163 | 1,727 | 1,328 | 11.3 | 9.5 | 6.9 |
| Bottineau | 3,775 | 3,451 | 3,820 | 3,402 | 3,131 | 3,462 | 373 | 320 | 358 | 9.9 | 9.3 | 9.4 |
| Burke | 1,551 | 1,446 | 1,527 | 1,382 | 1,320 | 1,394 | 169 | 126 | 133 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| McHenry | 3,177 | 2,824 | 3,127 | 2,512 | 2,255 | 2,503 | 665 | 569 | 624 | 20.9 | 20.1 | 20.0 |
| Mountrail | 3,401 | 3,117 | 3,283 | 3,013 | 2,782 | 2,943 | 388 | 335 | 340 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 10.4 |
| Pierce | 2,698 | 2,463 | 2,681 | 2,489 | 2,297 | 2,486 | 209 | 166 | 195 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 7.3 |
| Renville | 1,394 | 1,254 | 1,324 | 1,242 | 1,144 | 1,233 | 152 | 110 | 91 | 10.9 | 8.8 | 6.9 |
| Ward | 25,661 | 25,016 | 25,083 | 23,472 | 22,880 | 22,933 | 2,189 | 2,136 | 2,150 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| REGION 2 TOTAL | 41,657 | 39,571 | 40,845 | 37,512 | 35,809 | 36,954 | 4,145 | 3,762 | 3,891 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| Benson | 3,290 | 3,103 | 3,319 | 2,980 | 2,788 | 2,914 | 310 | 315 | 405 | 9.4 | 10.2 | 12.2 |
| Cavalier | 2,644 | 2,449 | 2,752 | 2,429 | 2,234 | 2,443 | 215 | 215 | 309 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 11.2 |
| Eddy | 1,561 | 1,428 | 1,594 | 1,311 | 1,220 | 1,345 | 250 | 208 | 249 | 16.0 | 14.6 | 15.6 |
| Ramsey | 6,505 | 6,258 | 6,337 | 6,019 | 5,777 | 5,811 | 486 | 481 | 526 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 8.3 |
| Rolette | 5,473 | 5,270 | 5,128 | 4,727 | 4,552 | 4,319 | 746 | 718 | 809 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 15.8 |
| Towner | 1,890 | 1,723 | 1,809 | 1,762 | 1,607 | 1,700 | 128 | 116 | 109 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| REGION 3 TOTAL | 21,363 | 20,231 | 20,939 | 19,228 | 18,178 | 18,532 | 2,135 | 2,053 | 2,407 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 11.5 |
| Grand Forks | 35,716 | 34,767 | 33,981 | 34,007 | 33,280 | 32,061 | 1,709 | 1,487 | 1,920 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 5.7 |
| Nelson | 2,186 | 1,979 | 2,152 | 1,919 | 1,736 | 1,903 | 267 | 243 | 249 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 11.6 |
| Pembina | 5,658 | 5,413 | 5,157 | 4,970 | 4,821 | 4,622 | 688 | 592 | 535 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 10.4 |
| Walsh | 8,052 | 7,511 | 7,712 | 7,448 | 7,000 | 7,202 | 604 | 511 | 510 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| REGION 4 TOTAL | 51,612 | 49,670 | 49,002 | 48,344 | 46,837 | 45,788 | 3,268 | 2,833 | 3,214 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| Cass | 55,307 | 54,830 | 52,666 | 52,693 | 52,170 | 50,376 | 2,614 | 2,660 | 2,290 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Ransom | 2,713 | 2,570 | 2,650 | 2,603 | 2,456 | 2,472 | 110 | 114 | 178 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 6.7 |
| Richland | 8,174 | 7,866 | 8,358 | 7,637 | 7,367 | 7,716 | 537 | 499 | 642 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 7.7 |
| Sargent | 2,550 | 2,360 | 2,499 | 2,383 | 2,201 | 2,333 | 167 | 159 | 166 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.6 |
| Steele | 1,225 | 1,077 | 1,230 | 1,117 | 995 | 1,136 | 108 | 82 | 94 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 7.6 |
| Traill | 4,449 | 4,450 | 4,270 | 4,124 | 4,115 | 4,004 | 325 | 335 | 266 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 6.2 |
| REGION 5 TOTAL | 74,418 | 73,153 | 71,673 | 70,557 | 69,304 | 68,037 | 3,861 | 3,849 | 3,636 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 |

## LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

| County | Labor Force | | | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 | Mar. 1986 | Feb. 1986 | Mar. 1985 |
| Barnes | 6,224 | 5,750 | 6,192 | 5,745 | 5,255 | 5,606 | 479 | 495 | 586 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 9.5 |
| Dickey | 3,324 | 3,018 | 3,245 | 3,139 | 2,862 | 3,082 | 185 | 156 | 163 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| Foster | 2,238 | 2,066 | 2,230 | 2,052 | 1,896 | 2,071 | 186 | 170 | 159 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.1 |
| Griggs | 1,565 | 1,409 | 1,548 | 1,442 | 1,295 | 1,425 | 123 | 114 | 123 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| La Moure | 2,473 | 2,245 | 2,557 | 2,303 | 2,088 | 2,336 | 170 | 157 | 221 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 8.6 |
| Logan | 1,542 | 1,367 | 1,511 | 1,418 | 1,262 | 1,386 | 124 | 105 | 125 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 8.3 |
| McIntosh | 2,314 | 2,107 | 2,250 | 2,203 | 2,019 | 2,172 | 111 | 88 | 78 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.5 |
| Stutsman | 12,756 | 12,196 | 12,403 | 11,823 | 11,251 | 11,433 | 933 | 945 | 970 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.8 |
| Wells | 2,992 | 2,756 | 3,030 | 2,679 | 2,474 | 2,688 | 313 | 282 | 342 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 11.3 |
| REGION 6 TOTAL | 35,428 | 32,914 | 34,966 | 32,804 | 30,402 | 32,199 | 2,624 | 2,512 | 2,767 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 7.9 |
| Burleigh | 31,226 | 30,355 | 30,364 | 28,541 | 27,665 | 27,858 | 2,685 | 2,690 | 2,506 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| Emmons | 2,337 | 2,104 | 2,289 | 2,126 | 1,906 | 2,061 | 211 | 198 | 228 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 10.0 |
| Grant | 2,027 | 1,789 | 1,985 | 1,867 | 1,640 | 1,843 | 160 | 149 | 142 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 7.2 |
| Kidder | 1,702 | 1,496 | 1,695 | 1,469 | 1,287 | 1,436 | 233 | 209 | 259 | 13.7 | 14.0 | 15.3 |
| McLean | 4,864 | 4,616 | 4,925 | 4,236 | 4,011 | 4,293 | 628 | 605 | 632 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 12.8 |
| Mercer | 6,480 | 6,449 | 7,354 | 5,656 | 5,618 | 6,541 | 824 | 831 | 813 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 11.1 |
| Morton | 14,139 | 13,797 | 13,861 | 12,824 | 12,431 | 12,517 | 1,315 | 1,366 | 1,344 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 9.7 |
| Oliver | 1,236 | 1,125 | 1,043 | 1,121 | 1,019 | 936 | 115 | 106 | 107 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 10.3 |
| Sheridan | 1,254 | 1,081 | 1,168 | 1,143 | 974 | 1,082 | 111 | 107 | 86 | 8.9 | 9.9 | 7.4 |
| Sioux | 1,310 | 1,229 | 1,317 | 1,218 | 1,144 | 1,213 | 92 | 85 | 104 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 7.9 |
| REGION 7 TOTAL | 66,575 | 64,041 | 66,001 | 60,201 | 57,695 | 59,780 | 6,374 | 6,346 | 6,221 | 9.6 | 9.9 | 9.4 |
| Adams | 1,789 | 1,662 | 1,758 | 1,713 | 1,594 | 1,698 | 76 | 68 | 60 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| Billings | 693 | 706 | 653 | 656 | 674 | 622 | 37 | 32 | 31 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 |
| Bowman | 2,260 | 2,078 | 2,265 | 2,101 | 1,917 | 2,128 | 159 | 161 | 137 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 6.0 |
| Dunn | 2,047 | 1,803 | 2,030 | 1,795 | 1,599 | 1,774 | 252 | 204 | 256 | 12.3 | 11.3 | 12.6 |
| Golden Valley | 1,111 | 1,029 | 1,056 | 1,001 | 936 | 994 | 110 | 93 | 62 | 9.9 | 9.0 | 5.9 |
| Hettinger | 2,052 | 1,845 | 2,003 | 1,879 | 1,686 | 1,854 | 173 | 159 | 149 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 7.4 |
| Slope | 524 | 438 | 512 | 436 | 371 | 462 | 88 | 67 | 50 | 16.8 | 15.3 | 9.8 |
| Stark | 12,794 | 12,318 | 12,615 | 11,315 | 10,949 | 11,462 | 1,479 | 1,369 | 1,153 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 9.1 |
| REGION 8 TOTAL | 23,270 | 21,879 | 22,892 | 20,896 | 19,726 | 20,994 | 2,374 | 2,153 | 1,898 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 8.3 |
| STATE TOTAL | 333,497 | 319,551 | 325,537 | 306,553 | 294,316 | 300,175 | 26,944 | 25,235 | 25,362 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.8 |

## LABOR FORCE
## NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

| | Current Month Mar. 1986 | Previous Month Feb. 1986 | One Year Ago Mar. 1985 | Percent Change From Feb. 1986 | Percent Change From Mar. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UNITED STATES (In Thousands) | | | | | |
| Labor Force | 118,900 | 118,779 | 117,036 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Employment | 110,481 | 110,252 | 108,652 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment | 8,419 | 8,527 | 8,384 | -1.3 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.1% | 7.2% | 7.2% | -0- | -0- |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | |
| Labor Force | 333,490 | 319,560 | 325,540 | 4.4 | 2.4 |
| Employment | 306,550 | 294,320 | 300,180 | 4.2 | 2.1 |
| Unemployment | 26,940 | 25,240 | 25,360 | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.1% | 7.9% | 7.8% | -0- | -0- |
| FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA | | | | | |
| Labor Force | 82,590 | 82,080 | 78,900 | 0.6 | 4.7 |
| Employment | 78,070 | 77,420 | 74,830 | 0.8 | 4.3 |
| Unemployment | 4,520 | 4,660 | 4,070 | -3.0 | 11.1 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5% | 5.7% | 5.2% | -0- | -0- |
| GRAND FORKS MSA | | | | | |
| Labor Force | 35,720 | 34,770 | 33,980 | 2.7 | 5.1 |
| Employment | 34,010 | 33,280 | 32,060 | 2.2 | 6.1 |
| Unemployment | 1,710 | 1,490 | 1,920 | 14.8 | -10.9 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8% | 4.3% | 5.7% | -0- | -0- |
| BISMARCK MSA | | | | | |
| Labor Force | 45,370 | 44,160 | 44,230 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Employment | 41,370 | 40,100 | 40,380 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| Unemployment | 4,000 | 4,060 | 3,850 | -1.5 | 3.9 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.8% | 9.2% | 8.7% | -0- | -0- |

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

## BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
## FEBRUARY 1986
(In Thousands)

| | NORTH DAKOTA | SOUTH DAKOTA | MINNESOTA | MONTANA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Labor Force | 319.5 | 331.0 | 2,224.6 | 389.3 |
| Employment | 294.3 | 312.9 | 2,056.5 | 352.4 |
| Unemployment | 25.2 | 18.1 | 168.1 | 36.9 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.9 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 9.5 |

# DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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